



Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date: December 16, 2003

To: Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Subject: Amending Title 12, Chapter 249 of the Code of Ordinances relating to
Housing: Vacant Dwelling or Building, Nuisance Condition.

Recommendation: That after public hearing and comment, the Committee recommend
the proposed ordinance amendment be approved and adopted by
the City Council.

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Approved by: _____
Jay M. Heffern
City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Henry T. Reimer

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget at this time.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Chapter 249 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances provides for the abatement of vacant hazardous and nuisance buildings. The ordinance authorizes three methods of nuisance abatement. Nuisance buildings may be abated by: 1) an order to demolish the structure; 2) an order requiring the owner to rehabilitate the building; or 3) the city may elect to rehabilitate the building and assess the costs against the property. The proposed amendment allows for more effective and flexible use of the different methods of nuisance abatement.

Summary description of proposed amendment:

The proposed amendment does two things. First, it makes clear that an abatement order may include the imposition of appropriate conditions, including that of a performance bond. Second, it raises the cap for city-funded rehabilitation to fifty percent of the estimated after-rehabilitation market value of the property.